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## DAVID'S HOLIDAY IN PARIS

Richard Dimbleby's eldest son writes about his trip

*Of all thrills that await young travellers there are few to equal seeing Paris for the first time. That was the experience of David Dimbleby. He recently spent a weekend in the French capital with his father, BBC commentator Richard Dimbleby, and has sent us this account of what he saw.*

David, who is 16, last year passed his General Certificate of Education in five subjects, and is now studying for the Foreign Service. When he was 12 he made his first broadcast, as "disc jockey," and he has appeared twice on T V in his father's programmes.

My father and I left London at nine o'clock on Friday for a four-day visit to Paris. It was my first visit and the first time I had flown, so naturally I was excited.

On the first morning we went up the Eiffel Tower, which was much larger than I had imagined. My father has a much better head for heights than I have, and I was not exactly put at ease by his telling me, when we were suspended in mid-air, with apparently nothing below us, that something had once gone wrong when the lift was halfway up the tower, and that the occupants had had to stay there for several hours! Once at the top, however, I was all right and enjoyed the magnificent view of Paris from 984 feet above the city.



David Dimbleby

### LINKS WITH NAPOLEON

The weekend was undoubtedly "Napoleonic." I saw the Arc de Triomphe, built in the Emperor's honour. This now has beneath it the grave of the Unknown Warrior. From the top of this arch is a view straight down the Champs Elysees, the main boulevard. By day it is a solid mass of traffic and people, and by night a carpet of twinkling lights. It was up this boulevard that a British pilot flew during the German occupation of Paris, sporting a large French Tricolor, which he dropped at the bottom of the arch.

I visited two museums and one exhibition devoted to Napoleon and Revolutionary Paris. I saw his silver snuff boxes, his silk waistcoats, his bed, the tent he slept in while he was campaigning, and the stuffed skin of his horse.

Later I went to a new French film about him with a large and well-known cast. The programme, unlike British films, started at twenty past nine at

night and ended at twenty to one, in the morning.

The Parisians are very gay and charming people and I spent some time following one of their favourite pastimes—sitting in a café, with chairs and tables out on the pavement, just watching people go by. Before dinner we used to go to one in particular, right in the busiest part of Paris, and sitting there was rather like sitting in the middle of Piccadilly Circus in the rush hour.

### SNAILS FOR LUNCH

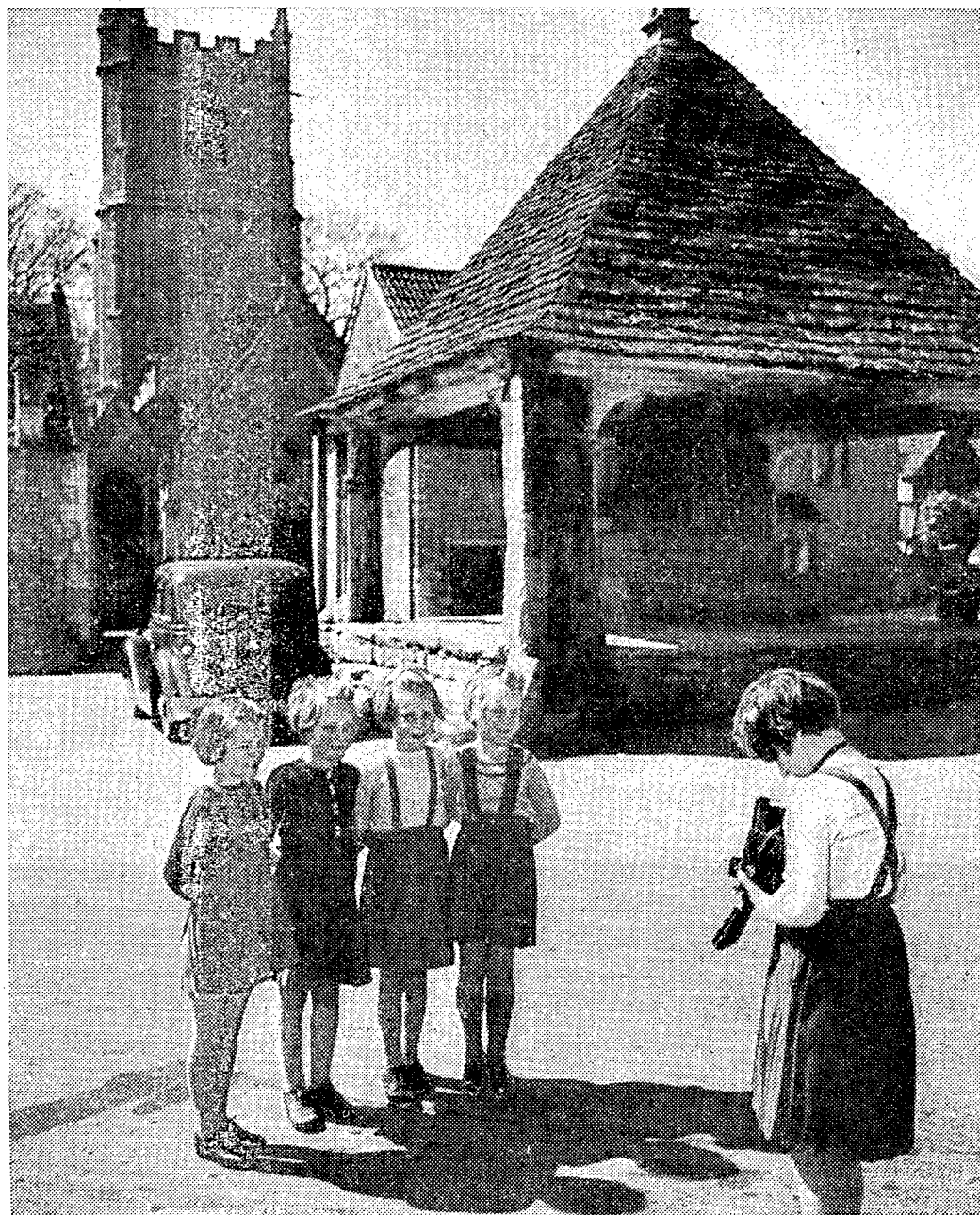
French food is excellent, and we often had a good meal in the most modest restaurant. I must say I liked both snails and frogs, although I could not persuade my father to try either of them. Snails, which are bred on special farms, taste like a rather salty fish, while frogs resemble a rich and fatty chicken.

One afternoon I went to the French state theatre, the Comedie Francaise, to see a play which I had spent many dreary hours studying at school—Racine's *Athalie*. I had not made a booking and so had to take what was left. It was, in fact, a little bench seat, like the occasional seat in a taxi, which was let down at the end of the row and blocked the gangway. It had no back to it and after three and a half hours I was beginning to feel a little uncomfortable.

### ONLY DISAPPOINTMENT

Sitting next to me was an elderly Frenchman with a beard who, like many Frenchmen, smelt very strongly of garlic. He would insist on explaining the plot of the play to me as it was acted, in a very loud stage whisper, although I think I knew the play as well as he did!

Only one thing I saw disappointed me while I was there and that was Leonardo da Vinci's painting of Mona Lisa. Perhaps we read so much about it that we expect too much. Everything else was wonderful, however, and I was very sorry when the time came to leave.



### NORTH POLE FLAG

The American flag carried by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary when he discovered the North Pole was enshrined recently in the National Geographic Society's Explorers Hall in Washington.

Admiral Peary reached the pole on April 6, 1909, but his claim was not recognised for some time. He died in 1920.

The taffeta flag was made by his wife, now 91 years old, and she has presented it to the society. She will receive a special gold medal.

Admiral Peary guarded the flag with his life. During the four years he took to reach the pole he kept it wrapped around his body to be sure it would not be lost. He deposited fragments of the flag at memorable spots on his journey. Most of these fragments were found by later expeditions, but the sixth and last cutting was left at the North Pole itself.

### We four will soon be seven

The Good Quads, who will be seven on June 12, make a pretty picture for their nine-year-old sister Susan in the Wiltshire village of Castle Combe.

### IN THE WORLD AT PEACE

On a coastal strip of muddy beach in Nigeria lies a remarkable village called Aiyetoro. It was founded some years ago by an African sect of "Holy Apostles" who were in search of a better life.

They came from squalid fishing settlements in other parts of the colony and migrated to a lonely spot where they planned a decent town in which hunger and poverty would not exist. They decided to call this place Aiyetoro, which means "The World is at Peace."

Soon a complete settlement of 2000 people arose, with well-planned family houses, a school, a church, and several communal buildings. The village was organised by the Africans them-

selves, a few of whom had previously been to school.

Visitors to the village are particularly struck by the way in which the inhabitants have raised their standard of living without outside aid, and the pride they display in their community.

### FRIENDLY CROCODILES

A crocodile that allows people to pet and stroke it has been found by zoologists in East Africa. Two of these "tame" crocodiles were found in the Malagarasi Swamps of Lake Tanganyika.

Africans who live in the area told the scientists that these crocodiles will not harm people and can easily be captured.



# GOVERNMENT WITH AN INCREASED MAJORITY

## Bolder programme of reform possible

By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

THE General Election has given the Conservative Government of Sir Anthony Eden a majority over the Opposition parties of 59 seats, excluding the Speaker.

The Government's majority of 18 in the old Parliament (which was dissolved on May 6) is thus more than trebled.

Rarely has a Government in power increased its majority; the British people tend to vote "agin the Government."

In 1857 the Liberal Government defeated the Conservatives, winning power by a majority of 50 seats. This fell to 50 seats in 1859. But at the next election some six years later (Parliaments then sat for seven years) the Liberals increased their majority from 50 to 78. And three years later, in 1868, they increased it again—to 116.

Since then, however, only on two occasions—in 1910 and 1918—has a reigning Government increased its majority, and in entirely different circumstances.

The results this time showed on the whole a swing in favour of the Conservative Party and its allies.

### FORECASTING THE RESULT

In Great Britain, compared with some other countries, voting is remarkably consistent. People in the North usually vote much the same way as people in the South.

This consistency, based on the 1950 and 1951 elections, led to the belief that the result could be almost certainly forecast by means of public opinion polls and slide-rules.

Up to a point this is true. But by boundary changes, which took effect just before the election, eleven new constituencies were created, five others were abolished, and more still had their electorates reduced or increased.

By this process, for instance, about 33,000 voters were "lost" to Woodford, Essex. As a result Sir Winston Churchill was returned to Parliament with far fewer votes and a reduced majority.

Another factor affecting the reliability of public opinion polls is the number of people who vote. In this election fewer people voted than in the previous ones. The Labour Party's total vote was 1,578,000 below their 1951 record. And the Conservatives total vote, though 942,000 more than that of the Labour Party, was about 413,000 below their own 1951 figure.

All six seats held by the Liberal Party in the old House of Commons were retained.

Altogether, only 76.8 per cent of the 35 million people entitled to vote went to the poll, compared with about 83 per cent in 1951. One of the effects was that, of about 50 seats held by one party or another on very narrow margins, many were captured by the Conservatives, with increased majorities in most of those already held by them.

### NEW TERM OF OFFICE

So, with the majority of the country behind it and with a comfortable margin in the House, the Government begins its new term of office. On Thursday the Queen will open the new Parliament, which is likely to last until the autumn of 1959 at the earliest.

Ministers will now be able to put through a bolder programme of reforms than is possible where only a score of votes divide the parties in the lobbies.

A "Clean Britain" Bill—an attack on smog—will be one of the priorities. Among other Bills there will be one to safeguard employment of children.

Other important measures will include the reform of local government and the reshaping of the membership of the House of Lords.

# Recalling a brave girl

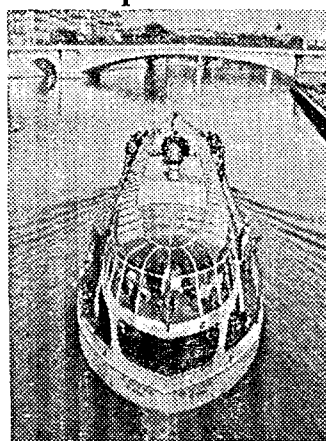
Nineteen years ago Margaret Wheatley, of New Herrington, County Durham, was killed by a train in an unsuccessful attempt to save a dog trapped on the line at Fencehouses Station. She was only 16 and her courage stirred the country.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals named its highest award for bravery in connection with animals the Margaret Wheatley Cross and had a memorial placed on her grave in St. Cuthbert's churchyard, West Herrington.

Today her grave is in a neglected condition, and the R.S.P.C.A. has, in addition to its original gesture of recognition, agreed to restore the grave and memorial.

May we suggest that perhaps some of the local children might like to place a few flowers on the grave from time to time.

## Paris pleasure boat



Paris pleasure boats on the Seine are called "bateaux mouches" (Fly boats). Here is one of a new fleet for this summer.

## EARLIEST TO RISE

When New Zealand's Postmaster-General, Mr. Thomas Shand, flew 400 miles east from Wellington to visit the few hundred settlers on the Chatham Islands he was reminded that their local time is 45 minutes in advance of New Zealand standard time.

All the clocks in New Zealand are exactly 12 hours ahead of Greenwich time, but the Chatham Islanders can claim to lead the whole world in being "early to rise." They find that the sun rises over their lonely islands a good three-quarters of an hour before it greets the city of Wellington.

## SHAKESPEARE HOME RESTORED

New Place, Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare's home from 1611 to the year of his death in 1616, has a new look. The word "museum" has disappeared from the sign outside and the exhibits removed to the upper floors.

The ground floor itself has been restored and furnished in the style of an early 17th-century town house. The idea behind the transformation was to give an idea of the background of domestic life in the time of Shakespeare.

# News from Everywhere

## REARING SHARKS

Four young sharks recently landed off Mevagissey, Cornwall, have been placed in a local aquarium.

Passengers to and from Canada and America are now passing through London Airport at the rate of one a minute.

## MUSEUM OF COSTUME

On Wednesday (June 8) Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is to open a National Museum of Costume at Eridge Castle, Sussex.

During the summer vacation undergraduates will have the opportunity to work as conductors on London buses.

## MORE CARS

British motor manufacturers broke all production records during the first four months of this year. Over 400,000 vehicles came off the assembly lines—80,000 more than in the same period last year.

The Italian State Railways are to provide interpreters and money exchangers on some of the international trains.

## MEDAL 85 YEARS LATE

A 106-year-old Frenchman has just received a Franco-Prussian war medal, earned 85 years ago.

Pigeons make such incessant noise in Scarborough that hotel-keepers are planning to drive them away with fireworks.

## CROWDED CHANNEL

The Channel Swimming Association has already received notifications of 30 attempts at crossings this season.

Pilgrim's Progress has been translated into modern colloquial Greek, bringing this classic to the modern Greek "man-in-the-street."

The Salvation Army are holding the National Youth Festivals in London on Saturday at the Regent Hall, Oxford Street (2.30 p.m.), and at Westminster Central Hall (6.30 p.m.).

## 103-YEAR-OLD MESSAGE

A message believed to be in Italian, and dated 1852, has been found behind some wallpaper in the Theatre Royal, Brighton.

Birmingham is to provide free bus travel to its old age pensioners.

A French mountaineering expedition has conquered the 27,790-foot peak of Makalu in Nepal, the world's fifth highest.

A Danish firm is now manufacturing moth-proof knitting-wool.

## NEW USE FOR THE "FRIG"

Swiss weather scientists have asked people to gather hailstones and keep them in refrigerators until they can be collected.



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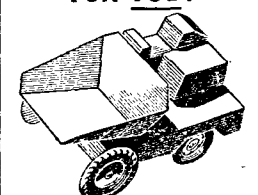
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## Moving day for coastguards

This three-storey coastguard station, containing 15 rooms, is being towed ten miles from the tip of Long Island, near New York, to Star Island. The building weighs 200 tons.



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## WHISTLING FOR THE LOCUSTS

An electronic whistle which is said to lure locusts is to be tried out this summer by the French scientist, Dr. René Guy Busnel, in the North African territories of France where millions of locusts ravage crops and lay the land bare each year.

Dr. Busnel has experimented for seven years with various whistles after he discovered that the insects' senses of hearing and smelling are very weak, and that

they are blind to objects more than a few inches away.

The National Institute of Agronomic Research recently sent Dr. Busnel to North Africa where the whistle was tried out in a remote area. Within a few minutes clouds of locusts had been attracted to the scene.

The French hope to congregate millions of locusts in some desolate part of the area with the whistle and then to destroy them.

## SCOOTER TWINS



Ann and Janet Canister of Bexley, Kent, setting out on a scootering expedition.

## TYPING CHAMPIONSHIP IN FRANCE

In Paris recently some 290 lady typists—and three bold men—took part in a competition to find the champion typist of France. A whistle started the contest and, writes a Paris newspaper, this was followed by a din "like a heavy downpour of rain."

Among their tests was one of typing for an hour at the rate of 66 words a minute—the French record is 73.6 words. For some the most difficult ordeal must have been to type continuously for five minutes without making the slightest error.

The President of the Republic gave a prize of a Sèvres vase, and among the other prizes was a typewriter worth about £140.

## USEFUL SIDELINE

A gardener who was mowing the big lawn in front of Parliament Buildings in Wellington, New Zealand, could not get his motor-mower to go. Along came Mr. Holland, the Prime Minister, for a stroll in the sunshine.

"Can I help you?" he asked, and in a short time had it going.

Before he went into politics, Mr. Holland was an engineer.

## RESCUE BY A TELESCOPE

Nearly every night for the past 30 years Mr. Walter Crispey has looked through his telescope at the shipping off Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire.

But the other night when he did so, he saw a canoe drift out to sea and then capsize. As a result a boat went out and rescued three young men.

## SWEDISH CLUE TO ENGLISH MINT

In our history lessons covering the Anglo-Saxon period, we learn of Danegeld (Dane money) paid as bribes to the Scandinavian invaders called, loosely, "Danes."

A hoard of Danegeld money, consisting of silver coins of Ethelred the Unready's time, has just yielded one of a kind previously unknown. This hoard was dug up in Sweden where its original recipient hid it, and the coin, identified by Mr. R. H. M. Dolley of the British Museum, is important because it proves that there was an Anglo-Saxon mint at Peterborough in Northamptonshire.

The coin is about the size of a sixpence, and bears the name of the craftsman who made it and the first three letters of Medeshamstede, the old name for Peterborough. On one side is Ethelred's head, and on the other the hand of God, with the letters Alpha and Omega emerging from a cloud. The coin is now in the State Historical Museum at Stockholm.

During his research in Sweden Mr. Dolley has examined over 10,000 silver coins, most of which had come from Viking hoards found in the Baltic island of Gotland.

## Young Raleigh—modern version

What could be more thrilling than a story told by the lifeboatman? A happy picture from Appledore, Devon, which recalls the famous Millais painting of The Boyhood of Raleigh.

## LAST ON THE LINE

An old single-track railway line, which runs from Lewes to East Grinstead through some of the loveliest countryside in East Sussex, is to be closed.

But the foxes and squirrels, the stoats and the adders which dwell in many an embankment where the nightingales nest, will keep out of sight on June 12 when the last train will run, for crowds are likely to be in the vicinity.

For some people the closing of the line may mean real hardship, for the old-fashioned but efficient engines sometimes drew heavy loads in the "rush hours."

But some of those who will travel on the last train cannot help smiling about the loud outcry caused by the decision to close this line. For they recall protests, at least as vigorous, at the decision to open the line—some 70 years ago.

The track is not to be taken up and so the line itself will remain in existence, though not in use, in case a need for it should arise in the future.

## SHIP THAT SAVED A KING

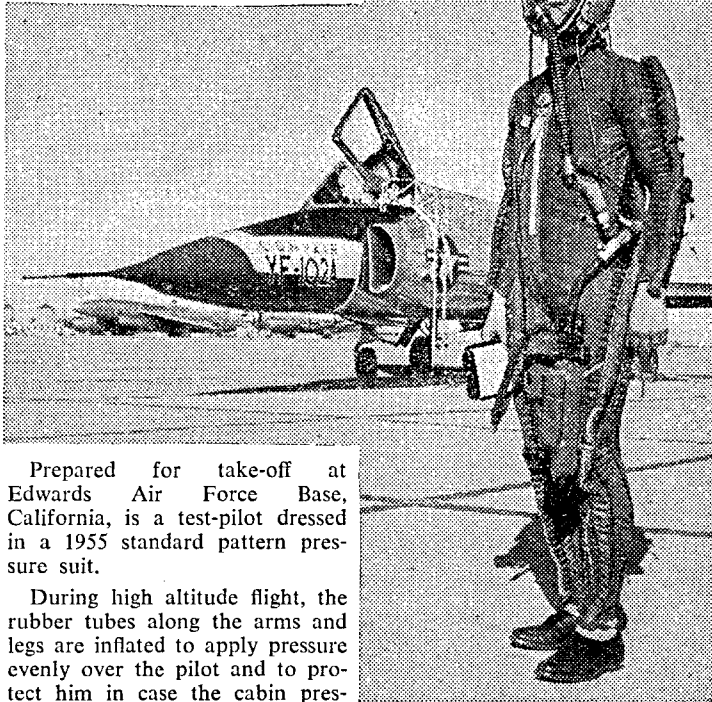
The British cruiser H.M.S. Devonshire is being broken up, and souvenirs from her have been presented to Norway.

King Haakon had a personal interest in the ship, for the Devonshire brought him to England in 1940 when the Germans invaded his country. She also escorted him back after the war. In 1948 at Oslo he unveiled a plaque on board to commemorate the 1940 voyage.

As mementoes from the old cruiser, a polished mahogany backboard, designed to display the ship's crest and battle honours, has been given to King Haakon for use in his yacht, Norge, and the City of Oslo is receiving a pair of tampions (ornamental stoppers for the muzzles of guns) mounted on a similar backboard.

Tromsø was the port from which King Haakon sailed for England and the people there are receiving the ship's bell on a supporting brass dolphin.

## PORTRAIT OF AN AIRMAN



Prepared for take-off at Edwards Air Force Base, California, is a test-pilot dressed in a 1955 standard pattern pressure suit.

During high altitude flight, the rubber tubes along the arms and legs are inflated to apply pressure evenly over the pilot and to protect him in case the cabin pressure fails.

An oxygen hose and microphone are fitted to the plastic helmet, and an oxygen bottle on his left leg supplies the pilot

should he have to parachute from above 15,000 feet. The board in his right hand is strapped to his leg during flight to record performance data.

## SET OF PRIZES

Barry Tinker of Sheffield is a joiner-apprentice with a winning way. He has just won the first prize in an all-Britain competition organised by the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers to encourage craftsmanship. The prize was £10-worth of tools.

Over the last three years Barry has gained a whole set of tools as prizes, worth nearly £80.

## UNREHEARSED

While the annual puppy show of the West Norfolk Hunt was being held near Swaffham, Norfolk, a fox carrying a dead crow in its mouth trotted unconcernedly across the park and disappeared among the trees only 150 yards from the huntsmen and hounds.

## ISLAND OF STEEL

The first of 30 steel "islands," each weighing 6000 tons, was recently launched in the United States. It will form part of a chain of radar stations for early warning of aircraft and for weather service along the east coast of the U.S.A. The crew of 70, made up from Air Force and Coast Guard men, will be served mainly by helicopter.

The triangular "island," with sides 200 feet long, has been built to withstand 100 m.p.h. gales. When it is moored on the Georges Bank fishing grounds, about 100 miles east of Cape Cod, legs 200 feet long will be added to hold it standing steady on the sea-bed.

## DUMFRIES MAY HAVE A BURNS GARDEN

A suggestion has come to the Dumfries Burns Club that a garden shrine to the memory of the poet be made in the town, and should contain all the trees, shrubs, and flowers mentioned in his poems.

A weather vane could be in the form of a Tam O'Shanter on his horse, pursued by a witch, and a sundial could bear the inscription: "Nae man can tether time or tide."

It is hoped that Burns Clubs all over the world would be glad to contribute to such a memorial in the town where the poet spent his closing years and was buried.

## WANDERING DEER

A red deer was caught by his horns in a chicken run near Exeter. Early in the morning his cries woke up the people in the district. They sent for the local R.S.R.C.A. inspector, who put the deer into his van and drove it up into hilly country and released it to find another herd in the district.

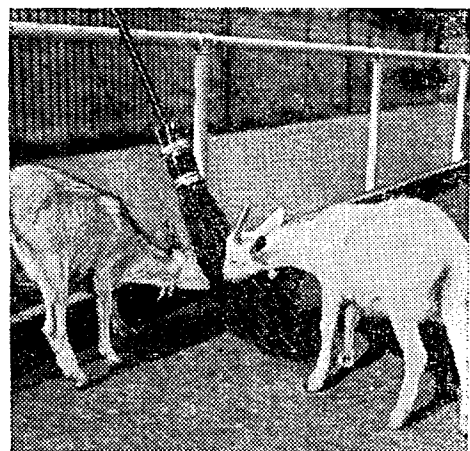




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ZOO NEWSBROOMS ARE A TASTY  
DISH FOR GOATS

THE Children's Zoo's 14 goats, although amusing animals, are becoming expensive to keep—not because of the cost of their food but because of their delight in eating the birch brooms kept for cleaning the enclosure. They sometimes destroy these at the rate of a dozen a week!

"The problem has been with us ever since we had goats roaming free in the enclosure," a Zoo official told me. "It is essential that the brooms be kept in a place handy to the girl assistants, and the most convenient place was on



Making a meal of a birch broom

the roof of a stables near the girls' kitchen.

"But just lately some of the animals have been getting very crafty. They jump on to one of the refuse or fodder carts and, as it passes the stables, leap up onto the roof. And," added the official, "the speed with which a hungry goat can dispose of the business end of a broom is unbelievable!"

Main attraction in this section just now, however, is being provided by the Zoo's youngest elephant, Lakshmi. Every fine afternoon her keepers take her into the Children's Zoo enclosure for a couple of hours to be fed and petted by young visitors.

## CABBAGES AND SWEETS

"The idea is to accustom her to children," said the official. "At only 3½ years old and weighing only 16 cwt., she is too small and inexperienced to give rides. But these, we hope, will come as soon as she has become used to her young visitors. Incidentally, children wishing to make friends with Lakshmi may like to know that the two titbits she likes most are cabbage and sweets."

Lakshmi has already made Zoo history by being the first elephant to fly to Regent's Park from the East. Caught in Assam in 1953, she was flown here by B.O.A.C. from Calcutta.

Among recent newcomers to the Gardens, the most important has been a large cock ostrich from the Amsterdam Zoo. The ostrich house has had some aggressive and dangerous birds in its time, but fewer more so than this bird. Standing nearly seven feet tall, it is so powerful that when

"packed" for transit at the Dutch zoo it promptly kicked down the wall of its crate, and another and stronger one had to be made for it.

On arrival at London Zoo the problem was how to get this bird into its indoor stall. Head-keeper Hexter, who has had great experience with ostriches, managed it after enveloping the ostrich's head in a sock.

The first cock ostrich seen at Regent's Park for over six years, the bird is shortly to have a mate.

"We have been promised a hen ostrich by a farmer in Southern Rhodesia," a Zoo official told me. "He is coming home in June by sea and will bring the bird with him."

"Introducing the two ostriches to each other will no doubt be a bit of a problem, especially as they are of such different temperaments. As usual in these cases, they will occupy adjoining paddocks for a time, until we can judge whether they are likely to agree."

A novelty at the Zoo this summer will be a British Waterfowl Section. A special enclosure for the birds is being made on one side of the Three Island Pond.

"The idea came to us because of the success we have had with our British Crows' Aviary, opened a few years ago," the official said.

"Up to now we have kept British and foreign waterfowl mixed together in the waterfowl enclosure. Now the British birds will be segregated from the more exotic types and kept together on their own stretch of water. The numbers will necessarily fluctuate somewhat, particularly in the case of the mallard. These wild duck frequently fly in from the park lakes, usually to nest on our Three Island Pond, and later return to the parks with their families."

CRAVEN HILL

## In Moby Dick's mouth



Popular with youngsters at the London Zoo is this huge artificial whale used in the film, Moby Dick. It is to remain in the Zoo's Whaling Exhibition for the summer.

## IT HAPPENED

## THIS WEEK

English & French  
Kings meet

JUNE 7, 1520. GUISNES, FRANCE—Amid scenes of pageantry and splendour King Henry VIII of England and King Francis I of France met near here today to celebrate the treaty of friendship they signed yesterday.

The scene of the meeting—a strip of land between the English fortress here and the French fortress at Ardres—had been converted into a great town of beautiful tents. These temporary shelters were built in such princely splendour and thronged by people so magnificently dressed that the scene is being described as the "Field of the Cloth of Gold."

The English King left Dover for Calais seven days ago with Queen Catherine. Prominent among the high officials and dignitaries who attended him was Cardinal Wolsey, who was himself attended by no less than 200 gentlemen all attired in crimson velvet.

Under one of the clauses of the Treaty which King Henry signed at Guisnes and King Francis signed at Ardres yesterday the French King promises to give his assistance in settling disputes between England and Scotland.

(The festivities continued until June 24 and everyone believed an alliance between France and England was secure, but actually Henry was intriguing against France and later went to war with her.)

## Death of Dickens

JUNE 9, 1870. GAD'S HILL, KENT—England lost one of its most beloved figures when Charles Dickens died at his home here today.

The famous writer was working on his new novel, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, almost to the hour of his death.

Yesterday he was writing in the "châlet," the little house he had put up as a study in his garden. He came into the house about six o'clock, and fell to the ground.

He was only 58, but during the last years of his life he had worked under tremendous pressure, and his lecture tours are believed to have seriously affected his health. Three years ago he made a second exhausting tour of America, giving readings from his popular works.

In early life the great novelist suffered much privation. When his father was sent to prison for debt he went to work in a blacking warehouse at Old Hungerford Stairs. In his novel David Copperfield—which he declared was his own favourite among his works—he described such a boy's life with a bitterness which shows how those years affected him.

He is acknowledged as one of the most inspired creators of character. The first of his characters who captured the public eye was Sam Weller, and Sam's appearance was the beginning of Dickens' popular success.

## RADIO AND TV

SPORTSVIEW SPECIAL  
Horse among guests at the studio

THAT wonder jumping horse Foxhunter will be one of the studio guests for the 50th edition of TV's Sportsview on Thursday, and the programme is so packed with sporting stars that nearly everyone will spare the 30 minutes to watch it from 7.45 onwards.

Roger Bannister, Chris Chataway, Len Hutton, and Tony Mottram are among those who have promised to appear in this gala edition, which falls on a most appropriate day in the realm of sport. The first Test Match will be starting at Nottingham, the Davis Cup match against India at Manchester will be starting, too, and the Isle of Man TT meeting will be at its height.

Since Peter Dimmock launched the programme on April 8, 1954,

nearly 500 sporting personalities have faced the cameras.

Sportsview is one of the most technically up-to-date of all TV programmes. It originated split-screen interviews and special prompting devices for forgetful speakers, besides building up a wonderful organisation to get late news and sportsmen to the studios.

Editor Paul Fox thinks the biggest scoop was the 55-minute rush of Roger Bannister to the studio from Oxford after his record mile. The biggest disappointment was after an open telephone circuit had been arranged to Melbourne to talk to Frank Tyson after his six-wicket triumph in the Third Test. Tyson, quite understandably, had forgotten the call and gone to the pictures.

## Girl who grew up!

LISTEN for a new Jane when the Huggett Family return to the Light Programme on Thursday. She is 21-year-old Valerie Jane, and she caused quite a stir the other day when she walked into the office of Producer Peter Eton at the Aeolian Hall studios.

When he booked Valerie for the new part he remembered her as



Valerie Jane

the rather mischievous schoolgirl who played Violet Elizabeth in the Just William series about five years ago. With that picture in mind, he altered the Huggett script so that the part should suit her.

His surprise can be imagined when Valerie stepped before him—an attractive young woman who had grown up without his knowing it. Peter re-shaped that script faster than you could say Huggett.

## Mirror on life

WE all look at life from different angles, but it is always interesting to know how the world strikes famous people. On Friday Children's Hour will welcome Sir John Hunt, leader of the triumphant Everest expedition, in the first of a series of talks called Looking-Glass. Men and women who have made a name for themselves will be holding a mirror up to life.

Later speakers will be Pat Smythe, Peter Scott, and Dr. Leonard Wilson, Bishop of Birmingham.

## Escape!

How would you like to be hoisted over a fireman's shoulders and carried down a fire-escape from a fourth-floor window? Exciting? Yes, but suppose you had to give a microphone account during the actual descent?

This is what Jean Metcalfe will try on Wednesday evening in the second of Douglas Fleming's Escape series. Miss Metcalfe will be one of the radio reporters at London Fire Brigade HQ giving a sound picture of the latest rescue methods.

## Meet Danny Kaye

DANNY KAYE, caught by TV's Roving Eye camera at the Variety Club lunch in London on June 7, will be seen on the home



A sketch of Danny Kaye by Douglas Fairbanks in the Painting is a Pleasure Exhibition organised by Toc H. It is open until July 2 at the Trafford Gallery in Mount Street, London.

screens in a telerecording on Wednesday evening.

It looks as if, for once, Danny will strike at least a semi-serious note, for it is expected he will be showing part of his new documentary film Assignment Children. He made this film as Ambassador at Large for the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund, covering 40,000 miles in the Far East photographing children to show, as he says, that they are the same the world over.

ERNEST THOMSON



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# OPERA IN A BEAUTIFUL SUSSEX GARDEN

*In 1934 the dream of an Englishman and his wife to make their beautiful home among the South Downs into an English centre for Opera began to come true. From the beginning one standard was set. Only the best, and nothing but the best, would do. Now, in 1955, as the curtain rises on the 21st season, it can be truly said that Glyndebourne is known throughout the world wherever opera is loved.*

THIS manor house that has grown into an opera house stands under the steep green wall of the Sussex Downs running eastward from Lewes. At Glyndebourne, before and after the show, and in the interval, the audience can walk among walled gardens and on a wide lawn looking out across parkland to Wilmington Hill seven miles away. Behind is the great isle of downland called Mount Caburn.

It may seem strange to have an

But there was an ideal behind it and that ideal has now proved itself.

To one side of the manor house, where kitchen gardens used to be, is the theatre. Claimed to be the best in Britain both for seeing and hearing, it holds only 750 people, every seat being arranged so that the stage can be seen between the heads in front instead of over or round them.

Rising above all is the great scenery tower (above the "flies" over the stage) and from the outside it dominates the whole range of buildings, manor house and all.

Dressing-rooms run back in the form of a small quadrangle with a magnificent Green Room, for the artistes, forming one side. From the main lawn you see one wing of this block with the walls, of brick and stone, shaded by a huge, old mulberry tree. This wing contains the stars' dressing-rooms, each with shower, loudspeaker, and telephone.

office where you may be lucky enough to book a seat. But advance booking is usual, and this is all handled from an office in London. There are two restaurants because audiences arrive about teatime. Performances must start early so that there will be still plenty of daylight afterwards for enjoying the gardens and to allow the homeward journey to begin at a reasonable time.

Many people have said in the past that opera is not a form of art which this country appreciates. The music is liked, but not the performance. This is probably true of the old way of doing things in which all was subordinated to fine singing.

## TEAM WORK THE SECRET

But Glyndebourne believes in team work and that everyone, from prima donna to stage hand, must be first-rate. Not only the singing but the acting must be good; and if there is dancing, that must be good, too. Above all, everything must be rehearsed and rehearsed till everyone is prepared to give a polished performance.

Rehearsals, so one of the musical staff told me, go on throughout the season. There is one before each performance—

not of the whole opera, of course, but of this part or that which may not come up to the very high standard set. Production has been from the beginning under Carl Ebert, who was producer at the Berlin opera house before the Nazis came to power.

It was Mrs. John Christie—as Audrey Mildmay she had sung with the Carl Rosa Opera Company—who suggested that her husband's first modest ideas of giving performances of a moderate standard should be changed to something much more ambitious. It was then that Mr. and Mrs. John Christie visited Copenhagen to see the great conductor Fritz Busch.

It was Fritz Busch who suggested engaging Ebert when he heard that the Christies wanted the very best possible. Building started, and two years later, in 1934, the first season opened with the two Mozart operas Figaro and Così Fan Tutte.

## IDEAL CONDITIONS

Glyndebourne is not the place for the big scale operas like those of Wagner. But the delicate beauties of Mozart, Donizetti, and Rossini suit the surroundings perfectly.

Mr. Christie was anxious to provide ideal conditions both for giving performances and for listening to them. So he has formed an atmosphere of a big domestic establishment. "We have far more rehearsals than any other

opera house," he said, "and there are no vested interests of any kind. Only artists are in charge and that is a tremendous asset. You will find very hard work going on here but also happiness, and everyone enjoying a joke."

All are devoted, not to individual success, but to the perfect marriage of singing, instrumental playing, dancing, and stagecraft under ideal conditions.

That is why a visit to Glyndebourne is not merely entertainment; it is also inspiration.

A. V. I.



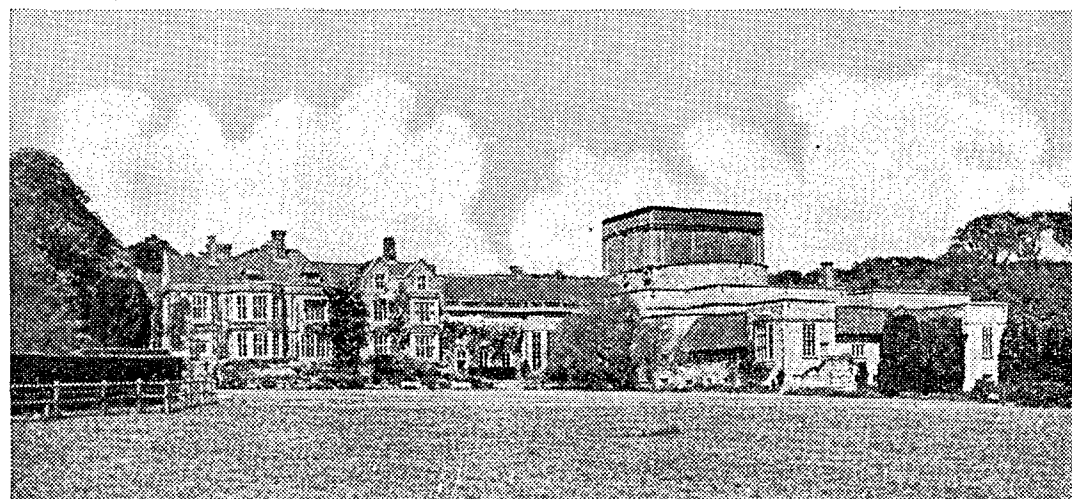
John Christie (right) meets some friends

opera house 54 miles by road from London. But if the Continental home of Mozart opera can be in a field outside the small town of Salzburg, why should not the English equivalent be in the meadows outside the small town of Lewes?

In the beginning there were many who said that the scheme was foolish and bound to fail.

During the season, which lasts for about seven or eight weeks through June and July, the actors and actresses live in the neighbourhood, though most of the orchestra of 50 players or so travel backwards and forwards daily from London.

On the far side of the auditorium there is a broad entrance hall with steps and a box



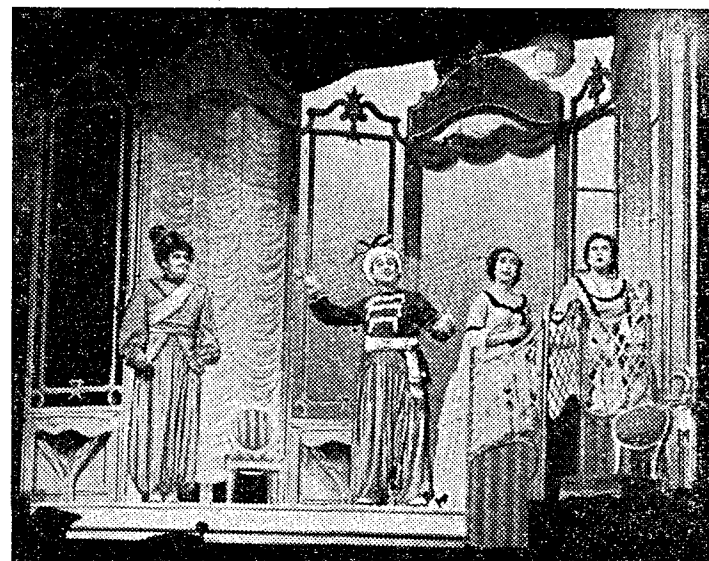
Glyndebourne, the old Sussex manor house made by John Christie into a world-famous opera house



The great feature of Glyndebourne, is that you can walk in a beautiful garden in the interval



Rehearsal for The Barber of Seville



Mozart's Così Fan Tutte (They all do it), a favourite of Glyndebourne



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## IN SEARCH OF TREASURE

THE prospect of finding buried treasure is always exciting, and undoubtedly it is one that fires the enthusiasm of many young archaeologists.

At Oxford recently King Gustav of Sweden told how he became a keen archaeologist at 15. He found an Iron Age burial and "managed with immense pride to extricate a crude earthenware pot and a bright red bead."

"My appetite whetted," he went on, "I naturally continued my prehistoric explorations. Luck seemed to pursue me. I don't think I can remember a single dig in which something at least was not found."

There are few pursuits as fascinating or as rewarding. Rarely does the archaeologist's spade unearth a pot of gold; but it is constantly bringing to light relics that add to the sum of human knowledge. Riches indeed!

### THREEPENNY BRIDGE

THIRTY years ago a Walsall lady started to save threepenny bits; one day they would enable her to visit her sisters in California.

That day has dawned. Having collected 32,000 threepenny bits, she has been able to fly to America for a joyous family reunion.

We do not know how far those coins would stretch, placed end to end; but placed in a bank they have bridged a gap of 6000 miles.

Saving can make many a dream come true.

# The Editor's Table

## SOWING THE GOOD SEED

THERE are many people who from day to day carry out good work quietly and unobtrusively; not least among these are the Quakers.

Though few in number, their influence is great, and their secret surely lies in the simple word which is their title—Friends. For instance, in Germany in 1946 when fraternising with the Germans was forbidden, Quaker relief workers turned a blind eye to the edict—they had come as friends. In India last year, too, they started to build friendship between India and Pakistan.

"Small though these ventures might seem," says the annual report of the Friends Service Council, "the fact that they are being made in earnestness and goodwill is, we hope, not without some significance."

Indeed it is not! Such ventures are the seed in the parable that fell into good ground, "and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold . . ."

### Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper,  
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THE House of Lords, the citadel of masculine privilege, still keeps the old flag of exclusion flying. By a majority of two votes it has rejected a Bill allowing women who are peeresses in their own right (and not merely the wives of peers) to sit and vote with the men.

No real reason was given for the decision. All that was said was that as the House of Lords would be reformed very soon the thing could wait till then. But the House of Lords has been "going to be reformed" for a long time, and its reform is likely to have to wait a long time, for no one cares to undertake it.

The peeresses will certainly have another try long before the House is reformed, and the majority may then be the other way.

### JUST AN IDEA

As Charles Kingsley wrote: The most wonderful and the strongest things in the world, you know, are just the things no one can see.

## Recovered

UMBRELLAS seem to love to go a-wandering; but some that always—or nearly always—come smiling home, are those belonging to a firm of cleaners which obligingly and trustingly lends them to customers caught in the rain at its 150 branches.

Of 8000 umbrellas loaned in a year only 18 were not returned. The rest came back—with the customers—to demonstrate again and again that courtesy pays.

## King's Banner



This banner and other emblems of the King of Sweden are to hang in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, for the Garter Installation ceremony next week (June 13). Working on them here are the heraldic artist Mr. Percy Collings and his son.

## Think on These Things

AT Pentecost, the first Whit Sunday, the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples. Whereupon they became new men, filled with courage and ardour. Nothing was now too hard or difficult for them.

The Holy Spirit is sometimes called the "Comforter," which really means "strengtheners." When we rely on ourselves we are weak and powerless. But when we turn to God His Holy Spirit brings us life and strength.

When we love and follow Jesus the power of God grows in our hearts and lives. We are given the gift of the Holy Spirit.

O. R. C.

## THEY SAY . . .

WE are now a nation of collectors and all sections of the community are extraordinarily good judges of antiques.

Professor A. E. Richardson,  
President of the Royal Academy.

I MUST congratulate you all on the improvement in the weather.

The Secretary for Air, at a  
conference of weather experts

IN old music . . . every note you play has got to be perfect, whereas no one notices in modern music how many wrong notes you play.

Sir Thomas Beecham

NO matter how skilled nurses become, or how many new techniques are evolved, they should always remember the paramount importance of a good bedside manner.

Dr. Kenneth Cowan, Chief  
Medical Officer for Scotland

## WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c gives the correct meaning of the following five words?

- 1 TOQUE
  - a Woman's hat
  - b Necklace of twisted metal
  - c Drink excessively
- 5 NOSTALGIA
  - a Affection of the nerves
  - b Home sickness
  - c Similarity
- 3 CALUMET
  - a Slandorous report
  - b Red Indian peace pipe
  - c Head wreath of flowers or gems
- 4 UBIQUITY
  - a Wickedness
  - b Being everywhere
  - c Old times
- 5 PIGMENT
  - a Colouring matter
  - b Small African native
  - c Leather from pig's hide

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## Out and About

THE golden sunset over the lake is blurred by a swaying, brownish cloud. This is due to the gauzy wings of countless thousands of mayflies, slender creatures more elegant than the most exquisite ballet dancer.

They have risen up from the muddy depths of the water and left their long larval life. Having come to this state of marvellous beauty, they dance for a day or two in nuptial flight, rising and falling.

Thousands are eaten by the birds. The flight ends as more and more mayflies sink exhausted, to die on the water, a feast for the fish.

All their existence has been a preparation for this flight, and with the dropping of tiny discs that are their eggs, into the water, it is over. For this day or two they have lived as grubs in the mud for a year to three years, according to their species; and there are 46 species in Britain alone.

C. D. D.

## Next Week's Birthdays

June 12

Sir Anthony Eden (1897). Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister from 1951, he succeeded to the highest office in the land on the retirement of Sir Winston Churchill last April. He was the youngest Foreign Secretary Britain had had for over a century when he first held this office in 1935. His personal prestige owes much to a fine record of support for the League of Nations and the U.N.

June 13

Thomas Young (1773-1829). Brilliant scientist and Egyptologist. At two he could read fluently. At 40 he showed the way to read the hitherto indecipherable language of Ancient Egypt, using as his key the Rosetta Stone with its parallel inscriptions in known Greek and unknown hieroglyphics.

June 14

Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896). Best known as author of Uncle Tom's Cabin, written from her personal knowledge of slavery in the South. This book, so popular that it was translated into 23 languages, played an important part in bringing slavery in America to an end.

June 15

Edward, the Black Prince (1330-1376). His nickname probably comes from the black armour he wore at the Battle of Crécy where he acquitted himself nobly at the age of 16. He was the first Prince of Wales to bear the crest of three ostrich feathers.

June 16

Gustavus V, the late King of Sweden (1858-1950). Known by his people as "Papa Gustav" he used to enter Riviera tennis tournaments under the name of "Mr. G." He did a great deal to maintain Sweden's neutrality through two World Wars.

June 17

John Wesley (1703-1791). Religious reformer and preacher.

When he was an old man he remarked that he had not "felt lowness" or spirits for one quarter of an hour in all his long life. He is said to have travelled the roads of England at the rate of 5000 miles a year and to have preached 40,000 sermons.

June 18

Igor Stravinsky (1882). Russian musician, now an American citizen. Famous as a composer for the Russian Ballet.



## OUR HOMELAND

Cricket at Epsom College, which in celebrating its centenary the other day had the honour of a visit from the Queen.



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## NEW FILMS

# HOW THE DAMS WERE BROKEN

By the CN Film Correspondent

THE Dam Busters is a fine British film about one of the most important R.A.F. raids in the last war. The raid was made in May 1943; but preparations for it began more than a year before that.

The film begins in the Spring of 1942, when we are shown the scientist who thought of the idea,

the enemy's steel-producing area and cut off the power there.

After several more months of experiments and interviews with people in authority—many of whom think the whole idea ridiculous—he gets it approved and tested. Then we see how a special squadron of the R.A.F. is formed under the command of Wing-Commander Guy Gibson (played in the film by Richard Todd) to put it into practice.

There are more months in which the squadron has to get used to flying very low, at exactly the right height, in the dark, and at last the great occasion comes. The film shows us the raid, itself, which is very exciting, and also the way the news of it comes in to the Operations Room, where Dr. Wallis is anxiously waiting to hear whether his idea has succeeded.

Most people have agreed that this is one of the very best of British films about the war.

ANOTHER very entertaining new British film is A Kid for Two Farthings, which is about Joe, a



Joe with his "unicorn"



Guy Gibson (played by Richard Todd) studies the new bomb sight

Dr. Barnes Wallis (played by Michael Redgrave) making experiments in his garden; he is helped by his young children, who think it all great fun.

They call it "helping Daddy to play marbles," because Dr. Wallis has rigged up a device for catapulting a small metal ball so that it bounces along a board where he can measure the exact distance it bounces.

This little ball represents a bomb, and his idea is to find out how a bomb can be made to bounce a required distance along water (exactly as a stone will when you play "ducks and drakes"). For this, he thinks, is the way in which a bomb from a low-flying aircraft may be made certain to hit the wall of one of the huge dams on the Ruhr, and so cause immense destruction in

## Old trees for new town

At Easthouses, a new town site near Edinburgh, trees which would otherwise have been felled to make way for new houses are being replanted in more suitable positions to add to the beauty of their new surroundings.

The whole operation is done in a remarkably short space of time. First a bulldozer gouges out the earth round the selected tree until it is left standing on an island of soil just as big as its roots. Then the cable of a mobile crane is attached to the tree and holds it upright while another cable is drawn under the roots. This separates them from the ground beneath but leaves as much as possible of the native soil clinging to them.

The crane then lifts the entire tree into the air and carefully places it on a trailer which carries it to the new site where a hole has been already dug for it. Until a tree has settled down in its new home wire guys, similar to those used with a tent, give it additional support; while an expert from Edinburgh's Royal Botanic Gardens keeps a careful eye on it, ready to give it any necessary attention.

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little boy living in the East End of London, and his friend Mr. Kandinsky the tailor.

Mr. Kandinsky tells Joe about the magic powers of the unicorn, which can make wishes come true. He does not, of course, think that Joe will ever meet a unicorn. But Joe, in his wanderings through the crowded, noisy markets of the Petticoat Lane district, comes on a man leading a poor little white kid which has just one horn and, in fact, is, as far as that goes, a unicorn.

After some bargaining, he manages to buy it and take it home, convinced that it will make his wishes come true.

And, somehow, it seems that his wishes—all on behalf of his friends—do come true. Sam, a young wrestler, wins his fight against a frighteningly huge opponent called Python, old Mr. Kandinsky gets the steam trouser-presser he has always wanted, and all ends happily.

Perhaps the kid really was a magic unicorn after all!

## MORE ARCHERS ON THE MARK

Archery today is a thriving sport appealing to all ages alike. In England there are now about 10,000 archers organised in some 600 clubs, most of them affiliated to the Grand National Archery Society.

An English team of three women and three men will take part in the World Championship matches in Finland this summer. In 1956, too, English archers will be returning to the Olympic Games after 46 years' absence.

In preparation for these events a comprehensive international trial series is now being staged at all the major Regional Tournaments. The final international trial will be held at Leamington on June 11 and 12 when all 20 of the provisional selections for world honours will take part. The six champions will be chosen from that 20.

### LIFTING FOUR TONS A ROUND

Team archery is the vogue now and is increasingly popular with young people; about a fifth of the members in most archery clubs now are boys and girls. This is a pastime providing good exercise, too. It is estimated that an average man, shooting what is termed a "York" Round, that is, six dozen arrows at 100 yards, four dozen at 80 yards, and two dozen at 60 yards, lifts approximately four tons and walks about three miles. Of course, the rounds for juniors are less strenuous.

Team shooting is organised with a central recording office from which fixtures are arranged, the scores being exchanged by post. Matches take place all the year round, there being a Winter League for indoor shooting.

### JUNIORS ARE ENCOURAGED

Certain fixed rounds or distances are used in these matches and club juniors are encouraged to enter by the use of shorter ranges. For instance, the under-14's normally shoot at 30-40 yards, and the 14 to 18 age-group can expect 50 or 60 yards. An average team numbers 12 archers for a match, the top four scores counting.

Accuracy has broken all records in the last ten years. The mens' English National Champion at Oxford last year was, on



Archery is the hobby of Phyllis Waterworth, of Barnoldswick in Yorkshire.

average, within ten inches of the exact centre of the "gold," or bullseye, in a four-foot diameter target at 100 yards.

This sort of skill is due to modern technique and highly scientific equipment. For example, an alloy arrow is weighted to within a grain, and, unlike its wooden cousin, is unaffected by damp or climate.

This same reliability is found in the beautifully fashioned steel and "composite" bows now used.

### GLASS BOWS

Steel is immensely powerful, but the "composite" or "built-up" bow, which follows the same shape as Cupid's classical weapon, is made for the most part of glass fibre and is rapidly gaining popularity by its efficiency and lightness.

For beginners, however, most clubs have a supply of wooden practice bows and the younger the entrant the warmer the welcome, for experienced coaches are usually available and keen to help. And it should be noted that organised archery always emphasises safety first. Girls, by the way, are usually more apt pupils than boys, for patience plays a great part.

The proud motto of the world governing body, "Federation Internationale de Tir à l'arc" (F.I.T.A.), reads: "Friendship and Fair Conquest," and what more noble and fitting object could there be for any sport?

## STAMP ALBUM



THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 9 IS THE QUEEN'S OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY AND SHE WILL ATTEND THE CEREMONY OF TROOPING THE COLOUR OF THE SCOTS GUARDS.

THIS NEW ZEALAND STAMP SHOWS HER AT THE TROOPING THE COLOUR OF THE GRENADEER GUARDS.

## WHAT IS THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION?



IT IS A UNION TO WHICH NEARLY ALL STAMP-ISSUING COUNTRIES BELONG FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT. THE CONGRESS OF THE UNION MEETS EVERY FIVE YEARS. THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN 1949 WAS MARKED BY SPECIAL STAMPS FROM NEARLY ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE AUSTRALIAN ONE IS SHOWN HERE.



## STAMP WITH A STORY

DO YOU KNOW WHY THE CROSS ON ST STEPHEN'S CROWN — SHOWN ON MANY HUNGARIAN STAMPS — IS BENT?

KING STEPHEN (LATER ST STEPHEN) INTRODUCED CHRISTIANITY INTO HUNGARY ABOUT 1000 A.D. IN RECOGNITION THE POPE PRESENTED HIM WITH A CROWN. ACCORDING TO LEGEND IT WAS ONCE STOLEN AND THE THIEVES CRAMMED IT INTO TOO SMALL A BOX. THE SURMOUNTING CROSS WAS BENT, AND HAS NEVER SINCE BEEN REPAIRED.

## ? PUZZLE CORNER ?



FROM WHICH COUNTRY DOES THIS STAMP COME?

The clue is the R F in the top left hand corner.

Answer on back page.



## LIVINGSTONE'S NOTEBOOK

This month a Livingstone Exhibition opens at the town of his name in Northern Rhodesia. There it will help to commemorate the 100th anniversary of David Livingstone's discovery of the Victoria Falls in November 1855.

One of the chief exhibits will be a tattered notebook three inches wide and 4½ inches long. It was the book he whipped out of his pocket to jot down facts he noted on the way. Then, in the evenings, the missionary-explorer would write up his large journal from these odd little notes.

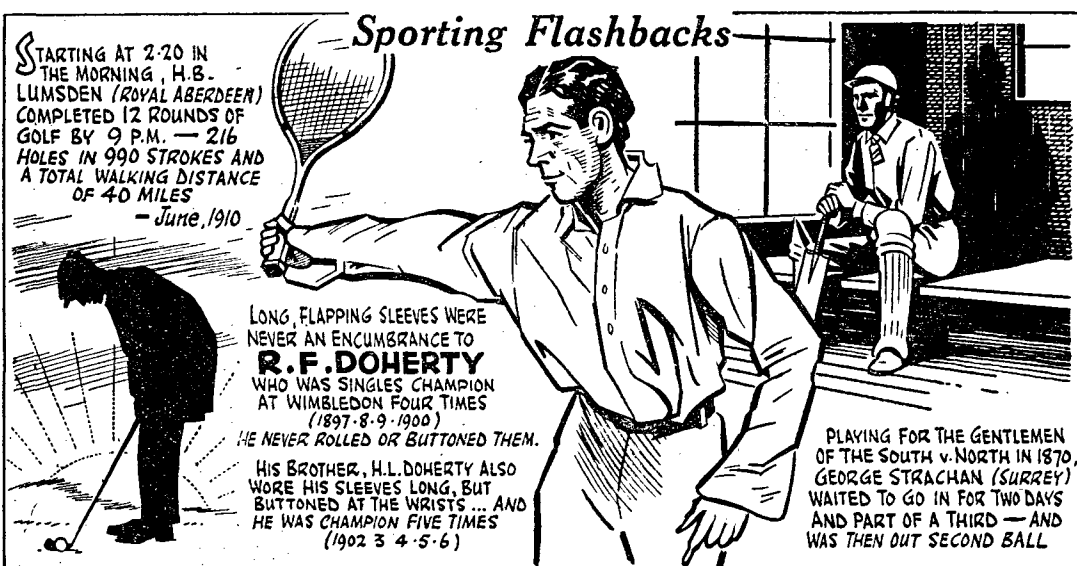
He noted the exact temperature at which water boils, for he found it varied as he walked westwards. The rhododendrons along the banks of the Zambezi attracted his attention. He noted down the number of miles he walked through the bush.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

Most of the entries are in pencil, but some are inked over as if Livingstone thought that some notes were more important than others. One of these notes is specially important this year for it gives the exact date, November 16, 1855, on which he saw the Victoria Falls for the first time. "After twenty minutes sail," says the note, "thence on 16th Novr. 1855 saw three or four large columns of vapour rising 100 or more feet." Livingstone says he saw the water "descending with snowy whiteness, leaping clear, rainbows."

With the marks of the African rain still to be seen on its pages, the little book is one of the most precious possessions which the great man of Africa left behind him. It had to do duty for nearly three years and the original pages were soon filled in. So with needle and thread he stitched in two dozen extra pages.

The tattered little notebook has been flown from England to its destination and so goes home to Africa through the skies under which it was carried 100 years ago.



## MR VALIANT IN A CHINESE PRISON

India Rubber was the nickname given by his fellow prisoners to Geoffrey Bull, a young English missionary who spent three years in Chinese Communist prisons. The resilience and fortitude he displayed under mental torments suggested it to them. Geoffrey Bull's book about his experiences, *When Iron Gates Yield* (Hodder and Stoughton, 12s. 6d.), is a most impressive revelation of Christian faith sustaining mind and body through terrible months of loneliness and uncertainty.

Geoffrey Bull went to China when he was about 26 and eventually made his way to Tibet. When the Chinese Communist forces invaded that remote country he was arrested and accused of being "a British Imperialist spy." By slow stages he was taken to Chungking, where his captors began trying to make him confess.

His patient refusal to yield infuriated his fanatical inquisitors, and their treatment of him became progressively worse. They employed subtle means of mental torture.

He was near despair in his lonely cell one day when he caught the sound of singing from the cell below. "My heart leapt at the

words 'Onward, Christian soldiers...'" The other prisoner was an English-speaking man! When the warders' backs were turned, the two kept one another's spirits up by softly singing hymns through the floor.

Geoffrey thereby gained renewed strength for his ordeals before the sphinx-like officials in that room which was plastered with such slogans as "Confess your crime and live! Hide it and you die!"

Here he had to sit on a tiny stool, forbidden by the guard to move an inch, while his enemies tirelessly tried to make him confess himself a spy.

### BIRD-WATCHING FROM A SICK ROOM

One of our Colchester readers, eleven-year-old Rupert Knowles, did some serious bird-watching from his bed by the window while he was recovering from an illness.

On one occasion Rupert saw, on the lawn below, quite a wonderful assembly—a green woodpecker, a wagtail, two partridges, and several blackbirds, pigeons, missel thrushes, and sparrows. Rupert wonders if this is a record.

In his last prison he was forbidden to move in his cell without the warder's permission, and, except for brief periods, had to sit cross-legged from six in the morning until ten at night. But they could not control his thoughts, and during many hours of such enforced silence he composed poems, which he could not write down for want of materials, but which he memorised. One of them began:

*Let not Thy face grow dim, dear God,  
Nor sense of Thee depart.*

His prayers were indeed answered, for on December 11, 1953, he was informed that he was sentenced to be expelled for ever from the People's Republic of China. They took him to the Hong Kong border, a scarecrow figure in tattered clothes and torn shoes. He walked past the Union Jack fluttering above the frontier post. "I could have wept," he said, "but God made me strong and I did not break down... I had known no human love for years."

Such courage as Geoffrey Bull's must make us all feel humble. But he himself writes simply: "God had brought me through."

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## BUILDING THEIR OWN HOSPITAL

Two British medical women, Dr. Lily O'Hanlon and Miss Hilda Steele trekked for eight days through the mountain passes in Nepal from Katmandu to Pokhra to begin a small mountain hospital in the foothills of the Himalayas, on the road to Everest.

On a little plot of land they set up a group of bamboo huts as a clinic. There were no tables, benches, shelves, or beds. But so soon as the word went round the mountain villages that a doctor had arrived, a long line of out-patients flocked to the mountainside. On one day there were nearly 200 waiting patients.

Now, after a year on the mountains near Pokhra, a more permanent hospital is planned with two tiny wards and a small operating theatre. A friend of the two medical women has given two prefabricated buildings of steel mesh and aluminium sheets.

### FIGHTING RABIES

One of the first campaigns of the new hospital has been to fight an outbreak of rabies caused by wild dogs.

A second campaign was to fight an outbreak of smallpox in a distant hill village. For four days the medical party tramped through the mountains and, when they reached their goal 1400 people were vaccinated.

This remote hospital and its courageous staff are so near the turbulent borders of the world that Russian agents have been spreading the news that the hospital is a centre of spying.

### UNEXPLORED NEW ZEALAND

In Fiordland, in the rugged south-western region of the South Island, New Zealand, there are several hundred square miles of unexplored land. An expedition sent there recently discovered seven new lakes and collected other information so that existing maps of New Zealand can be corrected.

## CLIVE OF INDIA—new picture-story of the soldier who founded an empire (9)



Clive marched towards Calcutta while the warships sailed up the river. After an exchange of shots between the ships and the guns of Fort William, the enemy retreated from the fort. Friendly inhabitants signalled this news to the English by hanging out a British flag of the period. Clive's men occupied Calcutta, and then he prepared to attack the army of Suraj-ud-Dowla, the Nawab of Bengal.

The English moved out to attack, but lost their way in a mist. Suddenly they found themselves surrounded by enemy cavalry. They suffered heavily in the ensuing fight, and Clive ordered them to return to Fort William. But the Nawab had been so alarmed by the bold attack, that he offered to negotiate. A treaty was made in which he agreed to restore the East India Company's losses.

France and England were now at war again. Farther up the River Hoogli was the French settlement of Chandernagore, and Clive was in favour of maintaining neutrality with the people there. But they returned no satisfactory answer to his proposal. Then it was found that Suraj-ud-Dowla was intriguing with them. At that Clive besieged Chandernagore and the French, after a brave resistance, surrendered.

Later Clive heard of a conspiracy among the Bengal nobles to overthrow Suraj-ud-Dowla, who was hated for his tyranny. The English at Calcutta decided to support the leader of this movement, Mir Jafar, and they secretly corresponded with him, using as a go-between one Ormichund, a rich Bengal merchant. But crafty Ormichund threatened to reveal the whole plot unless he were paid £300,000!

What will be the outcome of this intrigue? See next week's instalment



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# THE SECRET OF BUZZARD SCAR

Paul and Sally Richardson with their friend Elizabeth Langton have left Richmond carrying an old book given to them by Mrs. Quegley, who keeps a second-hand bookshop. In the bus to East Gill—a small village in Swaledale where they are to spend a holiday—Paul is sure that somewhere between the covers of this grubby volume is a clue to some adventures, prompted by their father who is not with them.

## 5. East Gill

As the bus made its leisurely journey along the winding road up the dale, Charlie, the driver, talked to the children. He knew the dales well and told them stories about the villages at which they would be stopping. When they reached Grinton he told them a strange tale about the large church, which at one time, was the only one in the thirty miles of Swaledale.

"Some call it cathedral o' t' dale," he said, and then related a gruesome story of how, before other churches were built in Swaledale, the dead had to be carried in their coffins to Grinton churchyard from the distant villages up-dale.

"Tis said that those who carried 'em on their last journey used a special way over t' fells called the 'Corpseway,'" he finished.

## Steady progress

Soon after leaving Grinton they crossed another rushing beck and reached a much bigger village called Reeth, where the houses and inns were built round the four sides of a square in the centre of which was a green. Once again the bus stopped and the passengers got out and stretched their legs.

"That book Mrs. Quegley gave us will tell us all sorts of walks, I'm sure," Sally said as they got back on the bus. "Come to think of it I seem to remember that

Daddy has got a copy of this book, too. I s'pose you didn't notice, did you, Paul? Last Sunday night, I mean, when he had all the books and maps out, and was talking to us all about Yorkshire."

"Of course I didn't. He's always got books out, Sall. You know what he is. Do you mean that he's sent this book to Mrs. Quegley to give to us? Doesn't make sense. How much longer to East Gill, Mr. Charlie?"

"Twenty minutes, son. Only four more villages—Heelaugh, Low Row, Gunnerside, and Muker."

The dale was narrower now and the road closer to the river. There



"Ginger Whiskers" calls

were few trees, and the wild fells came down sharply to farms and homesteads of grey stone, while on each side of the Swale the sloping hillsides were divided by stone walls. Gunnerside was the biggest village they had seen since Reeth, and here a fast-running beck rushed under the bridge in the main street, to meet the tumbling Swale 100 yards away.

The bus was half empty by the time they left Muker, and Charlie said:

"Get ready, youngsters. Next stop!"

East Gill was not much of a village! Just an inn, outside which the bus stopped, a few grey cottages, one of which was a tiny general store, and, at the farthest end of the row, outlined against the evening sky, the sturdy tower of a little church. That was all. The buildings were on the right-hand side of the road and on the left was a low stone wall below which the beck sang cheerfully. As the bus disappeared the children stood round their luggage and looked about them.

"I can't see our car," Elizabeth said, "I do hope the others are all right. Look, Sall! I'm sure that woman is interested in us."

## Friendly welcome

"You must be the first of my party," the stranger smiled as she came towards them. "You be welcome to East Gill and you'd better tell me your names. I'm Mrs. Thornton, the housekeeper at the vicarage."

"My mother and father haven't arrived yet then?" Elizabeth said as she shook hands. "They're coming by car."

"Not yet, my dear, but come along and see your new home and have a cup of tea. You must be tired out with all the travelling."

They followed her across the road and up the stone steps of the old house. It was a long building of the usual grey stone, standing sturdily above a slope of grass divided by a flight of steps. The front door was ajar and as they followed Mrs. Thornton into the house they saw that the hall was also paved with stone.

"I'll take you upstairs first," the housekeeper smiled, "and while you're unpacking I'll get my cakes out of the oven. There's a big room for the three girls and another for the two boys."

## Mother arrives

Sally bounced on the double bed as soon as Mrs. Thornton had left them, and looked ruefully at Elizabeth.

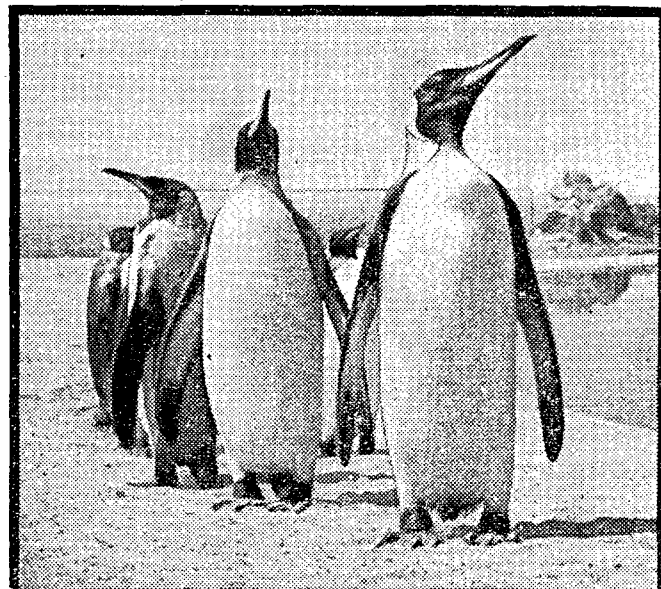
"S'pose you wouldn't like to sleep with Veronica and leave the single bed to me, would you, Liz? I'm not good at sleeping with anyone."

"You ought to sleep with your sister—not me. I like East Gill," Elizabeth added, looking out of the window, "except that the fells look very steep. Don't let's spend all our time climbing them, Sall."

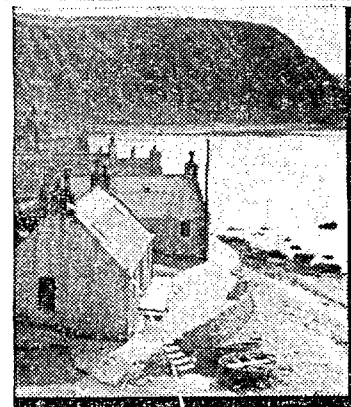
Before Sally could answer, the door opened and there was Mrs. Langton, with Mrs. Thornton in the background.

"There you are, my dears. How very nice to arrive in daylight. Mrs. Thornton says you only beat us by a few minutes. Have you had a good journey?"

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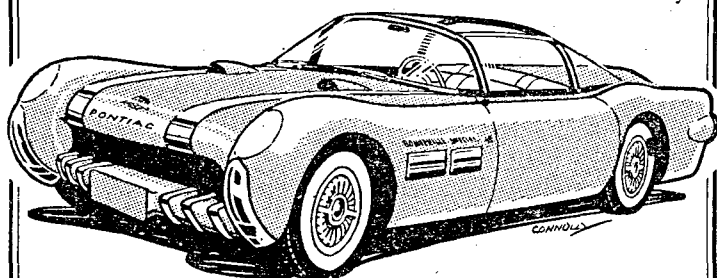
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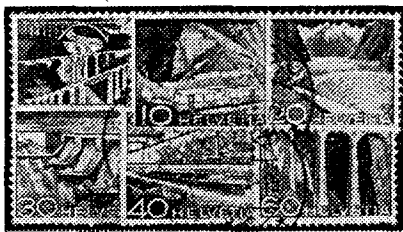




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# LAST OF AUSTRALIA'S CAMEL TRAINS

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For more than half a century the camel was used in the desolate interior of Australia. But today wild camels roam the Outback, for they are the descendants of those turned loose when motor trucks, the railway, and the aeroplane came to replace them.

Australia's first camel arrived in 1840 and was used by the young explorer, John Horrocks, an early map-maker. But camels came to stay in 1866, when 100 were introduced by the inland pioneer, Sir Thomas Elder. Thousands were bred, and they soon proved their usefulness. They hauled heavy loads of wool from remote stations for export to Britain and the Continent. They could go for long distances without water, and they were not temperamental.

## BEFORE THE FLYING DOCTOR

For many years the South Australian Government maintained a camel-breeding station, the animals being used by surveyors, explorers, and police. "Flynn of the Inland" also employed them for much of his pioneering work before he established his Flying Doctor Service.

They were often used for carrying mail, and even delivered tele-

grams before the telegraph line from Darwin to Adelaide was completed. In fact, much of the early development of Broken Hill, the rich ore town in western New South Wales, was achieved by camel transport. In those days the thirst-defying beasts were Broken Hill's link with civilisation.

## HOOSHITA

The camel teams were led by Pathans from India, whose wide-brimmed hats and shouts of "hooshita" were once very familiar to settlers in out-of-the-way regions. As recently as the early 1920s, Broken Hill had at least 200 teamsters with their families and camels.

The last of them is believed to have been Abdul Mudgee, who died recently at Alice Springs. He passed into men's memories, as perhaps he would have wished, with the passing of the camel trains that had been his life's work.

# THE SECRET OF BUZZARD SCAR

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"Very good and quite exciting, darling," Elizabeth said as she hugged her mother. "Has all gone well with you? How's Daddy and the car?"

"Both are fairly well but both are very tired. Paul's gone to help unload the luggage and perhaps you had better go and help, too. There's a shed at the back of the house which serves as a garage."

The next hour was an exciting and glorious muddle! The girls ran down and made their way through the kitchen to the back door and the garage where the vicar was wrestling with the luggage and Paul hauled bundles from the back of the car.

## Surprise visitor

Finally they all sat down at the table so loaded with scones, cakes, bread, jam, potted meat, cheese, pastries, and a cold tongue, that even Paul was silent with wonder. He did not recover the power of speech until some minutes after the vicar had said grace.

The dining-room faced the front of the house and from the windows they saw heavy clouds gathering above the tops of the steeply rising fells. They could also see the steps which led up to the front door and it was Sally, sitting beside Paul, opposite the window, who first noticed a young man with a heavy rucksack on his back coming up to the front door. Paul's mouth fell open with surprise as Sally nudged him.

"Look!" she gasped, "it's Ginger Whiskers!" Then, as Mr. and Mrs. Langton looked at her in surprise and Elizabeth turned to the window, she added: "It's a man we met on the train and we saw him in Richmond, too. We don't know his real name."

They heard his knock on the door and Mrs. Thornton's footsteps. Paul slid from the chair.

## Eavesdropping

"Please excuse me, Mrs. Langton. This is most secret and important," and he ran across the room and opened the door into the hall. He stood with his back to the wall listening.

It was Ginger Whiskers! "I should be grateful if you could offer me accommodation here for a few nights," Paul heard him say, "I think I shall make East Gill my centre. I know I'm rather late but I missed the last bus to Keld and I've had to walk from Gunnerside. I shall not be much trouble as I will be out all day. A good substantial breakfast and a clean bed..."

Mrs. Thornton's slow and pleasant voice interrupted him.

"All the beds here are clean! This is the vicarage and we have no accommodation to let..."

Paul went back to the dining-room and ran to the window where the others were peering out.

"Well, I'm blowed! He's followed us right to this very house. I'm sure this all means trouble."

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## Our weather!

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ALAN WATKINS, the Glamorgan cricketer, and one of the finest all-rounders in the game, takes his benefit in the match against Gloucestershire, starting at Swansea on Saturday. During his career, this popular left-hander has scored over 13,000 runs and taken more than 500 wickets. He has played for England in 15 Tests.

IN all her backstroke races against Margaret Edwards, 16-year-old Judy Grinham of Hampstead, North London, has come second. But she got her revenge the other day when, swimming alone, she broke Margaret's 100-yard British record by .6 seconds—only 1.7 seconds outside the world record.

## Olympic orders

AMONG the items being ordered for the Olympic Games in Melbourne next year are 180 hockey balls, 200 sets of boxing gloves, 30 basketballs, 30 footballs, and 20 sets of barbells and weights. One of the largest single orders is for 36 monotype yachts costing £9000. More than 1100 flags of 83 Olympic nations have been ordered.

IN the Fourth Test between the West Indies and Australia, at Barbados, the West Indies batsmen Denis Atkinson and C. Depeiza set up a new world seventh-wicket record of 347 runs. This score beat the previous record of 344, set up 53 years ago by Ranjitsinhji and W. Newham, for Sussex against Essex.

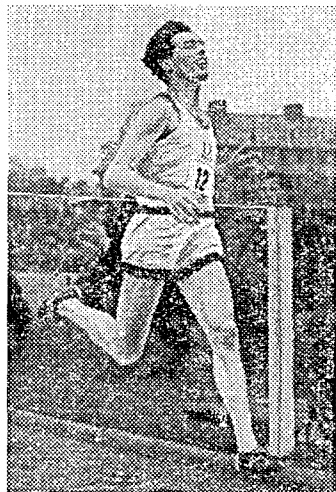
JOHN DOUGLAS, 25-year-old Australian miler, is so keen to gain a place in his country's team for the Melbourne Olympics, that he has come to England for a three-month stay to gain experience in competition with our outstanding athletes. A B.Sc. from Colac, 100 miles north of Melbourne, he has joined the Polytechnic Harriers.

## Great all-rounder

THELMA HOPKINS, 19-year-old Queen's University (Belfast) student, must be one of Britain's finest all-round sportswomen. An Irish international hockey player, and W.A.A. high jump champion, she is now training hard in an effort to win a gold medal at the Melbourne Olympics next year. In a recent inter-Varsity match in Glasgow, Thelma Hopkins won five events—the high and long jumps, 80 metres hurdles, javelin, and shot putt. Then, in the University Athletic Union's championships, she set up new records for the high and long jumps, and only narrowly lost the 80 metres hurdles.

TWO years ago Don Seaman, six foot three inch athlete from Luton and one of our finest mile runners, was a member of the British team which broke the four by one mile world relay record. Now it seems that this 22-year-old engineer's athletics career is at an end, due to severe Achilles tendon trouble, for which he has been invalided out of the R.A.F.

## President wins



D. J. N. Johnson, President of the Oxford University Athletic Club, winning the 880 yards easily at Oxford recently.

THE Swansea Schools football eleven rightly deserve the title of the schoolboy team of the season. The Welsh boys completed the season with an unbeaten record in 23 games, which enabled them to win both the English and Welsh Schools Shields—the English trophy for the fourth time (third in six years), and the Welsh Shield for the eighth time since the war. Their goal aggregate in their 23 Shield games was 96 for and only eleven against, a truly remarkable record.

AFTER high-jumping for Britain in the Empire Games in Auckland five years ago Peter Wells decided to emigrate there. Having represented Britain in the Helsinki Olympic Games, Peter is hoping to do so again in next year's Olympics and is training hard with that end in view. This year he has jumped six feet 7½ inches—less than an inch under the Olympic record.

BRITAIN'S women sprint cyclists will have to look to their laurels this summer, for early next week Nancy Neiman, the American women's sprint cycling champion, will arrive in London to compete in many of our leading race meetings.

WE may be seeing Paarlau on British running tracks this summer. Paarlau, which is very popular in Germany, consists of a race between teams of two, each of the partners running alternately. For example, one man runs a certain distance, then his team-mate takes over and runs until the other man is ready to carry on again, and so on. The winners are the pair who have covered the greatest distance after 20 minutes.

## Champion teacher

BOYS at a certain Rotherham school are looking forward to expert advice on javelin throwing when their new P.T. instructor joins them next month. He is Peter Cullen, 22-year-old student at Loughborough College, who recently set a new English native javelin record of 220 feet three inches, and followed this a week later by breaking the Universities Athletic Union record.

BACK home again after their successful tour of the United States and Canada are the members of the Oxford-Cambridge Rugby team. They won ten of their matches and lost two. But perhaps the most exciting of their games was played not on a football pitch but on a cricket pitch. The University of California scored 100 in their innings and our players scored 101 for nine wickets—the winning run being scored off the last ball of the match.

## Hitting out

JACK BEST, batting for North Leeds against Menston in the Airedale and Wharfedale League scored 35 runs off one over of seven balls. He hit 6, 6, 6, 6, 4, 1.

BRITAIN should take a step further in the Davis Cup competition when they meet India at Manchester this week. Playing on their favourite grass courts, the British team has a strong chance of reaching the European Zone semi-final for the first time since 1948.

PLAYING for his club at Woodside Park, Middlesex, H. Irwin took five wickets in consecutive deliveries against an L.N.E.R. team. He finished with seven wickets for nine runs.

## Competition result

Ten-shilling notes, offered for the winning entries to C.N. Competition No. 27, have been awarded to: David Carpenter, Cardiff; David Elborn, Eastbourne; Judith Goff, Hereford; Ruth Handlen, Nottingham; Patricia Lee, Plymouth; Roland Littlewood, Leicester; Wilma Roberts, Rugeley; Barbara Runeckles, Petts Wood; Jeffery Westbrook, Croyley Green; and Howard Whiteley, Brighouse.

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Answers: 1 India; 2 Arabia; 3 Russia; 4 China; 5 Wales; 6 Holland; 7 North America; 8 Greenland.

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## THE BRAN TUB

### SORE POINT

EDDIE went to call for his friend who had just returned from a holiday. "Hallo," he said, "have a good time? You didn't get tanned."

"Didn't get tanned!" came the retort, "you should have seen me the day that Dad found I had broken a window."

### SPOT THE . . .

SONG THRUSH as he hops about the lawn seeking worms. The song thrush, also known as Thristle and Mavis, is one of our best and most popular song birds. It can be distinguished from the missel thrush by its smaller size (about 8½ inches) and its plumage (a warm brown shade above and buffish-white below, the breast being marked with very dark brown spots). Missel thrushes are greyer in tone and the breast markings are bolder.



In addition to worms, thrushes eat berries, grubs, insects, slugs, and snails. The latter are swallowed after smashing the shell against a stone or brick. Most thrushes have a favourite stone for this purpose, as the litter of broken shells will indicate. Such bricks or stones are usually referred to as Thrush's anvils.

## BEDTIME TALE

### THE BIGGEST CATERPILLAR IN THE WORLD

THE Hedgesparrows were growing tired of feeding their one enormous baby. He had left the nest in the hawthorn and sat out on a branch crying all day: "Chiz! Chiz! Bring me some food!"

The worst of it was that he preferred woolly caterpillars to the smooth ones they liked, and the hairy ones made their beaks sore carrying them.

"He is a most unnatural child!" they sighed.

"Of course he is," muttered Tawny Owl. "You have a cuckoo in the nest; that's what." But he did not say it aloud, because

in the bird world this was a misfortune one did not speak of to the foster parents concerned.

Then one day when the young cuckoo said: "What! No hairy caterpillars?" when his foster father was feeding him, Mr. Hedgesparrow could stand it no longer.

"Find them for yourself!" he snapped, and off he and his wife flew.



Well, the young cuckoo had no luck with food hunting until he fluttered up into an oak. And there, hanging from a branch above, he spied the most enormous, hairy caterpillar.

"The biggest caterpillar in the world!" he cried. "And I, alone, have found it!" And he gave it a terrific peck.

Help! What a shock he got! The "caterpillar" jerked upwards; and down from that branch jumped a furious squirrel.

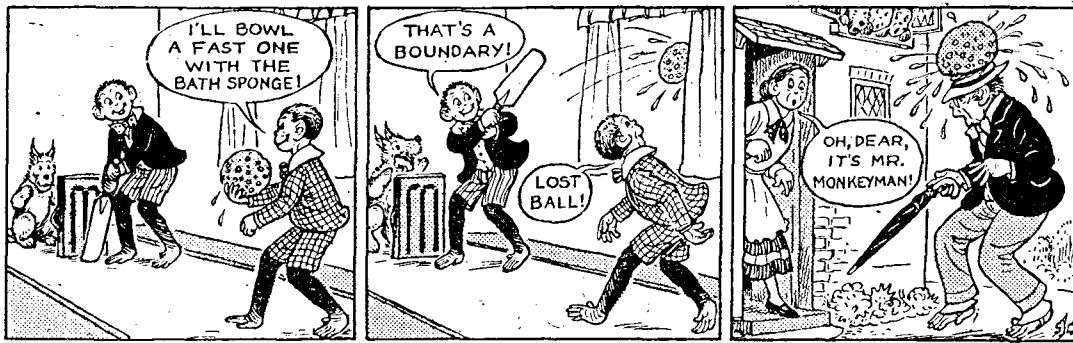
"How dare you peck my tail when I am taking my sun nap?" he chattered angrily.

The young cuckoo was so surprised that he fell off the branch backwards, flip, flap, flutter, right down to the ground. Luckily the squirrel did not follow him, and at last he got back to the hawthorn.

He sat there looking so scared and upset, that when his foster parents returned, they relented and began to feed him once more. But he never mentioned hairy caterpillars again!

JANE THORNICROFT

## JACKO MAKES A HIT—AND WISHES HE HAD MISSED



### WHO WERE?

THE Lady with the Lamp?  
The Little Corporal?  
The Bard of Avon?  
The Merry Monarch?  
The Maid of Orleans?  
Bluff King Hal?

Answer in column 5

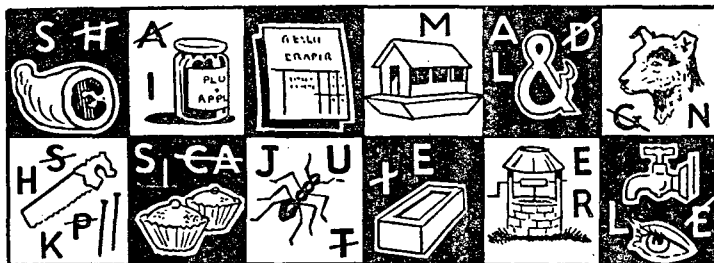
### TONGUE TWISTER

SAY three times quickly: Sally swiftly sang six sweet songs.

### STORY-BOOK CHARACTERS

CAN you find the Christian names of six story-book characters in the top row and then fit them to the correct surname, which you can find in the bottom row?

Answer in column 5



### HOWLERS

HORS de combat: Batting with horses.

A sinecure is mending a broken film.

The earth revolts every 24 hours. Quadrilateral is an animal with four young.

The feminine of rabbit is heir. Most famous composers do not live until they are dead.

### LOOK IN THE GARDEN

MY first is in fountain, but not in pool;

My second's in mower, but not in tool;

My third is in trowel, but not in hoe;

My fourth is in cluster, but not in row;

My fifth is in sunshine, but not in shower;

My sixth is in seedling, but not in flower;

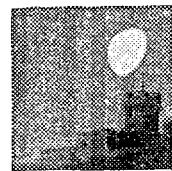
My seventh's in greenfinch—too cheeky for words;

My whole, we must hope, will keep off the birds.

Answer in column 5

### OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars is low in the west, Jupiter is in the south-west, and Saturn is in the south. In the morning Venus is low in the east. Our picture shows the Moon as it will



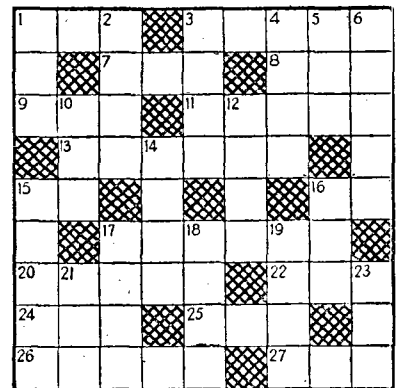
appear at seven o'clock on Saturday morning, June 11.

### Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Strike. 3 Slip. 7 Fuss. 8 Snakelike fish. 9 Tibetan ox. 11 Pay money for a purchase. 13 Disclose. 15 Exist. 16 Alternative. 17 Arouse. 20 Out of order. 22 Animal doctor. 24 Cushion. 25 Tasty dish. 26 Lock of hair. 27 Woman who lives in convent.

READING DOWN. 1 Make it while the sun shines. 2 Remove. 3 Misplace. 4 Rind. 5 Japanese coin. 6 Tree. 10 Limb. 12 Hyde — is in London. 14 Oaths. 15 Modify. 16 Single. 17 French for help. 18 Snakes. 19 Level. 21 Spoil. 23 Sunburn.

(Answer next week)



### THE REAL DANGER

THE teacher was talking to her pupils about the danger of kissing animals or birds. "Can you give me an instance of the dangers of this, Valerie?" she asked.

"Yes, miss, my Aunt Gertrude used to kiss her pet parrot."

"And what happened?"

Valerie replied very solemnly: "It died."

### STAMP ALBUM ANSWERS

France (R F stands for Republique Francaise)

### ANSWERS TO WORD QUIZ

1a, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5a

### BRAN TUB ANSWERS

Who were? Florence Nightingale, Napoleon Bonaparte, Shakespeare, Charles II, Joan of Arc, Henry VIII

Story-book characters. Sam Weller, Jim Hawkins, Bill Sikes, Mark Tapley, Alan Breck, Don Juan

Look in the garden. Netting  
Six letters—five words. Tinsel, silent, listen, enlist, inlets

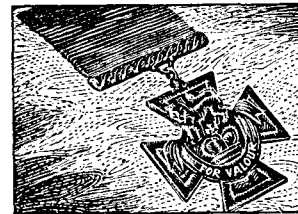
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1. Can you name this bridge?



2. And this coach?



3. And this medal?



4. Who is this famous Queen?

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